

of bread, one ounce of rice, and eight of meat are not enough for a soldier. Now we are getting only eight ounces of bread, three of rice, and eight of meat.

24th. The enemy will probably retreat to-night and cross the Spree. If they don't cross to-night, they certainly will to-morrow when they see large forces being deployed against them. I should lose several days to no purpose.

30th, Dresden:

At noon on the 28th the Swedes attempted to recapture Dessau; the Swedish Guard lost 1500 men, and failed completely.

*October* 2d. It would be the best possible news to hear that the enemy are running their heads into Leipzig with 80,000 men; the war would soon be over then; but I imagine they know my methods too well to take any such risks.

3d. (To Berthier.) Write to the Prince of the Moskowa that the reports are false, that Bavaria has not abandoned our alliance, on the contrary.

(To Marmont.) The current rumours are false. You must act with the greatest prudence. Above all, you must support the Prince of the Moskowa. The King of Naples with the 2d, 5th, and 8th corps will oppose everything that comes out of Bohemia.

I repeat that to cover Leipzig, — since you are there, — to prevent the Elbe being crossed between Wittenberg and Torgau, to support the Prince of the Moskowa, those are your chief objects. The rest will come after.

(To Savary.) I have received your ciphered letter of the 27th. It's very good of you to look after the Bourse;